

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tina Mitchell for
meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community and religious leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tina Mitchell, who serves as Outreach and Evangelism Pastor at Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell founded "The Girls in Pearls" program which aims to help drug addicts and prostitutes get off the streets and stay drug free; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday nights, Mrs. Mitchell volunteers as chaplain at the women's jail on Harding Place; as inmates prepare to "graduate," she invites them to her church and to participate in the New Day, New Life recovery program; and

WHEREAS, women who remain clean, sober, and in her recovery program for a year are awarded a string of pearls; and

WHEREAS, she reaches out to the working girls, the homeless, and the single mothers in nearby public housing, many of whom have given up hope; and

WHEREAS, Tina Mitchell, who refuses to give up hope, describes her service to these women as a humbling privilege; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell, now residing in Franklin, was born in Pegram and graduated from Cheatam County Central High School; she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Billy Mitchell, and their three daughters, Stacy, Patty, and Christina; and

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Mitchell's service with the United States Air Force, the Mitchell family traveled around the world; during those travels Mrs. Mitchell felt God's call into the ministry and she eventually became an ordained minister; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the New Day, New Life recovery program which serves men and women who have been released from jail, Mrs. Mitchell is the driving force behind Cross BRIDGE, Inc., a nonprofit program that provides a support network and role models to poverty-stricken members in the community; she also has an online ministry; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Tina Mitchell for her relentless dedication to the State of Tennessee and its needy citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tina Mitchell for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and its social and spiritual well being through "The Girls in Pearls," New Day, New Life, and Cross BRIDGE, Inc. programs and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.